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1. A railroad line has recently been completed which constitutes a doubling of the Transiberian railroad between the Urals and the Yenisei River. Part of this line has been under construction for some time. The estimated length of the line is about 2,000 km, and it connects Kuibyshev with Chkalov, Khatanga, Akmolinsk, Pavlodar, Barnaul, Stalinsk, and Abakan. The strategic and economic importance of this line is evidenced by the following factors:
 - a. Doubles the capacity of military transportation between Central Asia (including Mongolia) and Europe.
 - b. Unites directly the coal area of Karaganda with the industrial areas of Stalinsk and Kuznetsk.
 - c. Connects these industrial zones with European Russia by means of the Barnaul-Semipalatinsk-Alma Ata-Samarkand line and with the frontiers of the Middle East.
2. A railroad line was allegedly finished in July 1951 connecting the valley of Moinul with the valley of Chu, northwest and southwest of Lake Balkhash. The line is approximately 480 km long, links the Akmolinsk-Balkhash line with the Karaganda-Alma Ata line and constitutes the third and longest line connecting Northwest China with the Urals. This line is used for the transport of coal from the Karaganda area to the Kyzylorda area.
3. A section of the trunk line which runs along the right bank of the Volga River and connects Syzran and Kuibyshev was placed under construction during the first part of July 1951. The trunk line connecting Syzran with Zhigulevsk is already in operation. The line between Syzran and Kuibyshev crosses the Volga at Kuibyshev.

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